

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: <b>Childress et al.</b>	§	Group Art Unit: <b>2144</b>
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Serial No.: <b>10/815,236</b>	§	Examiner: <b>Mirzadegan, Saeed S.</b>
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Filed: <b>March 31, 2004</b>	§	Attorney Docket No.: <b>AUS920040117US1</b>
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For: <b>Apparatus and Method for Allocating Resources Based on Service Level Agreement Predictions and Associated Costs</b>	§	

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action of October 11, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.